

Mignault be asked to suggest a code of professional ethics for the next annual meeting. In order to facilitate your work, it was thought that the American Bar Association's code might form a good basis for a Canadian code. We think it very desirable that in every Province of Canada the same professional ethics should prevail. Having been so long at the Bar, you will appreciate this, and the opinion was expressed that there were no others better qualified than you and Mr. Justice Mignault to take up this subject and give the Association the benefit of your thought. An important place will be left on the programme for this.

I am, yours very sincerely,
J. A. M. AIKINS.

Note 2.

A letter in the following form was sent (amongst others) to
The Lord Chancellor.
The Lord Chief Justice.
The Attorney-General, and
The Chairman of the General Council of the Bar, at London;
also to
The Lord Chancellor of Ireland.
The Lord Chief Justice, Ireland.
The Attorney-General, Ireland, and
The President of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland, at Dublin, and also to
The Lord Justice General.
The Lord Justice Clerk, and
The Lord Advocate at Edinburgh.
"Mr. Justice Riddell presents his Compliments to the Lord Chief Justice of England.

Mr. Justice Riddell has been asked by the Canadian Bar Association to write a paper, or deliver an address, at the coming meeting in August of the Association on a Code of Legal Ethics.

Mr. Justice Riddell is himself not in favour of a written code of ethics, and sees no necessity for it; but it is known that others have a different opinion.

Mr. Justice Riddell would therefore ask the Lord Chief Justice if there is a written Code of Ethics for the legal profession in England, and also whether the Lord Chief Justice approves of such a code. If such a code exists, Mr. Justice Riddell would be glad of a copy of the same. The legal profession in Ontario, as it at present exists, began in 1797, and has so far found no necessity for a code.

May 6th, 1919."

Note 3.

The following letters were received:—

1. From the Lord Chancellor.

"HOUSE OF LORDS, S.W.I.

SIR,—

I am directed by the Lord Chancellor to reply to your memorandum of the 6th of May, with reference to the address proposed to be delivered by you at the meeting of the Canadian Bar Association on a Code of Legal Ethics.

There is not in England any written code regulating the etiquette and practice of the Bar. The General Council of the Bar from time to time deals with cases submitted to it for decision or advice with reference to practice and etiquette, and the answers to these questions are published in the annual statement issued by the Council. The Bar Council has, however, no disciplinary powers. Certain rules with reference to practice as to retainers were prepared by the Council of the Law Society in consultation with the Bar Committee (whose place has now been taken by the General Council of the Bar), and sanctioned by the Attorney-General in July, 1892. The decisions or opinions of the General Council of the Bar and the rule as to retainers will be found printed in the Yearly Supreme Court Practice, 1916, at page 2054. These documents, however, do not constitute a complete code in the matter.